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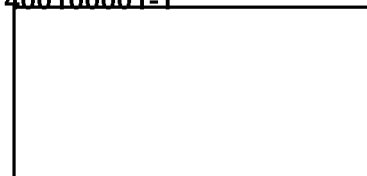
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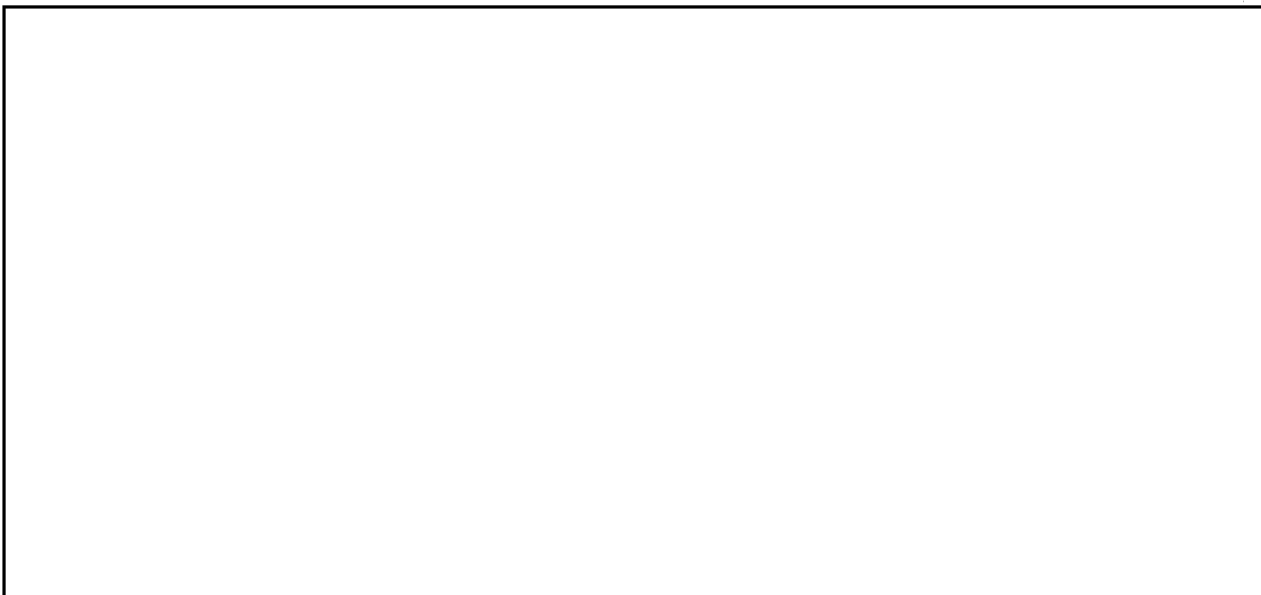
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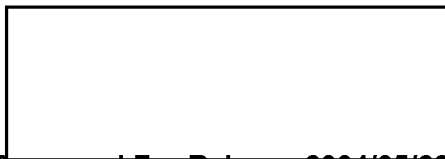
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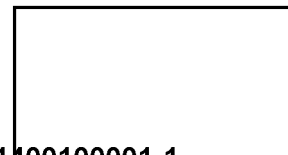
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JAPAN: Reaction to Ohira's Visit

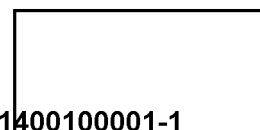
Prime Minister Ohira's visit to Washington last week has generated considerable favorable publicity in Japan. This is likely to boost both Ohira's domestic political stock and the government's effort to emphasize its cooperative relationship with the US.

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Since the visit, Japanese media have highlighted common US and Japanese political, security, and economic goals. The media have thus allayed official concern in Tokyo that contention with the US over the government procurement problem and other issues might continue to set the tone for bilateral ties. Ohira's performance during his consultations in Washington has also served the Prime Minister well; as his first major diplomatic foray since taking office, Ohira's trip is certain to be played up by his political backers as evidence of his leadership skills.

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

China-Vietnam

According to press reports, China has announced it will begin releasing Vietnamese POWs captured during the border war earlier this year, the first 100 prisoners to be released on 19 May. China has proposed that the Red Cross societies of the two countries meet to facilitate the return of all prisoners held by both sides. Beijing claims it holds about 1,600 Vietnamese, having released 1,000 on the battlefield during the hostilities. Hanoi had earlier stated it held 200 Chinese prisoners, a figure Beijing regards as probably not accurate.

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Egypt

The Iraqi News Agency reports from Tunis that the executive council of the Arab Civil Aviation Organization recommended yesterday that Egyptian civil airliners be barred from Arab airspace, Air Egypt offices in Arab countries be closed down, Arab air transport agreements with Egypt be suspended, and Arab airline offices in Egypt be shut down. The council recommended that Arab governments implement these measures.

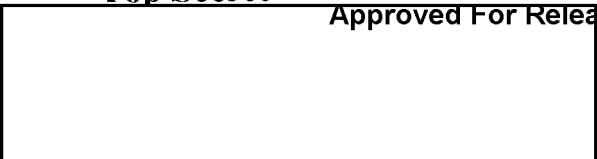
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